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The enemy, Satan, was not pleased that Chris Soldier had resisted his temptations and attacked him. Using his SHIELD OF FAITH, Chris managed to deflect Satan's fiery darts. However, Chris soon realised he would need to strengthen his faith if he was to continue standing against the Devil. Chris fled to find answers in God's Word.



Chris Soldier loves God's Word. Just like Jesus, he wants to use God's Word to overcome the temptations of life. He knows God's Word can give him victory over his sins, worries and dark thoughts.

Chris learned from God's Word that he is to walk by faith. Faith is the only way to please God. (Hebrews 11:6). The SHIELD OF FAITH is Chris' constant companion and trusted defense against the devil's schemes.



Chris Soldier learned five different Hebrew words for faith. Each word brings to his mind a picture of what faith is like. He likes to think of these words in the middle of his spiritual battle so he can live in the victory of faith!

The first Hebrew word Chris Soldier learned for faith is "AMEN".

Amen means "TO LEAN ON FOR SUPPORT" and is translated as "believe".

Just like an old man leans on a walking stick for strength and support The Bible says we should lean on God by faith.

Chris Soldier isn't old and crippled in his body. But spiritually he is weak and helpless without faith. When Chris believes God's Word and trusts in His promises he is leaning on God for support in life. He is a good soldier living with "amen" faith.





*“Teach me good discernment and knowledge,
for I believe in Your commandments.”*

Psalm 119:66


The second Hebrew word for faith is "BATACH."

Batach is translated "TRUST" in the Bible.

Batach faith pictures someone burdened down with a great big load. He takes the load and slams it down so that he is free of it.

Chris Soldier learned that life has lots of problems that can weigh him down. So every day he takes his problems, worries, and dark thoughts and he throws them right onto God in prayer. God is willing and able to carry Chris' heavy load!

Chris trusts God with his problems. He is a good soldier living with Batach faith!



"Trust in Him at all times and and pour out your heart before Him."

Psalm 62:8

"Cast your cares on Him, for He cares for you."

1Peter 5:7

The third Hebrew word for faith is "CHASAH".

It is translated "REFUGE" in the Bible.

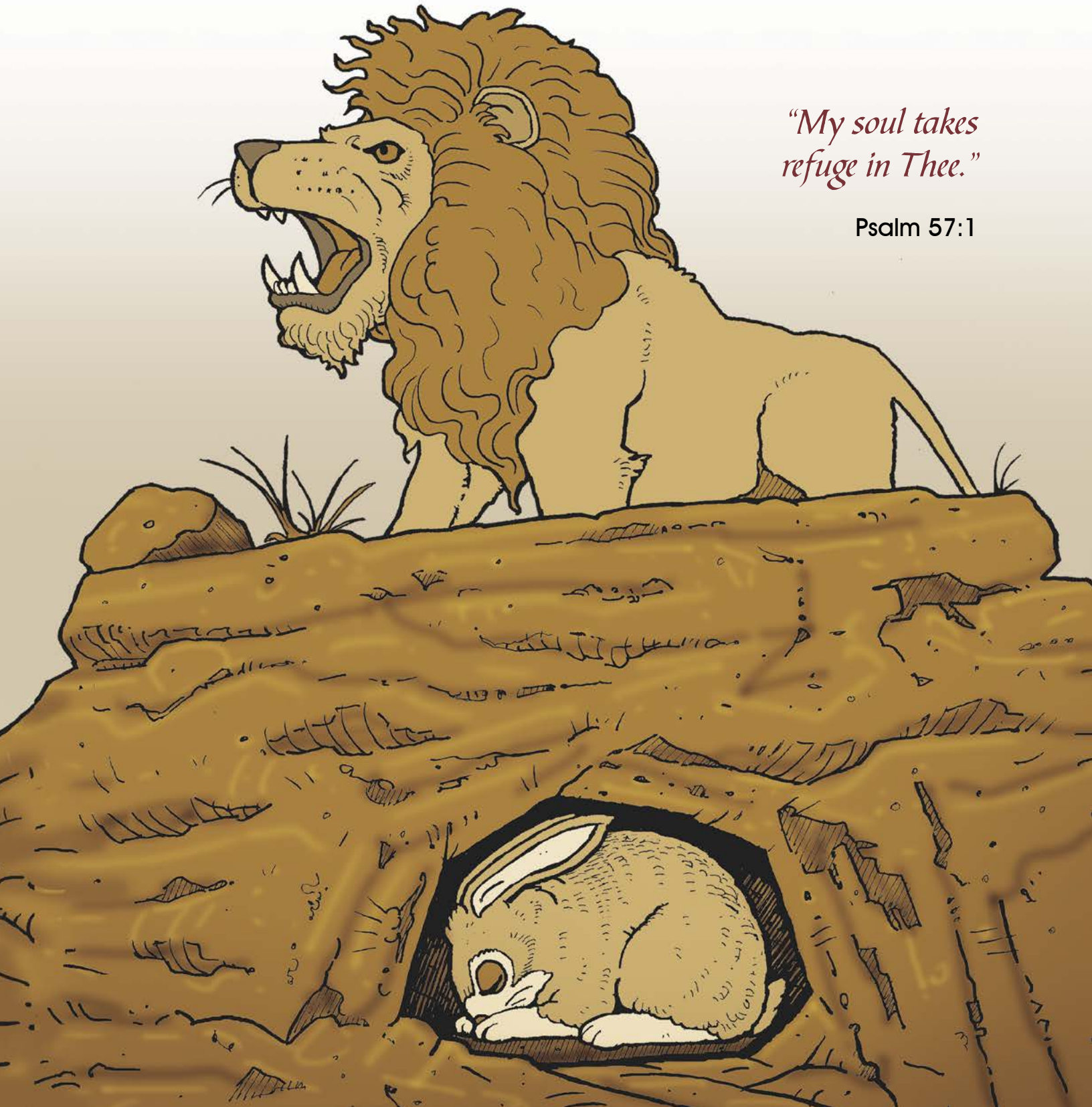
Just like this rabbit has fled into the cave for refuge against the lion, God wants us to flee to Him for refuge and protection against the dangers of life.

Chris Soldier still thinks the world is a pretty scary place. But when he is tempted to fear the things of the world he knows by faith that God is his refuge. God is his refuge of rest!

Chris Soldier is living with Chasah faith.

*"My soul takes
refuge in Thee."*

Psalm 57:1



The fourth Hebrew word for faith is "YAQAL".

It is translated in the Bible as "HOPE".

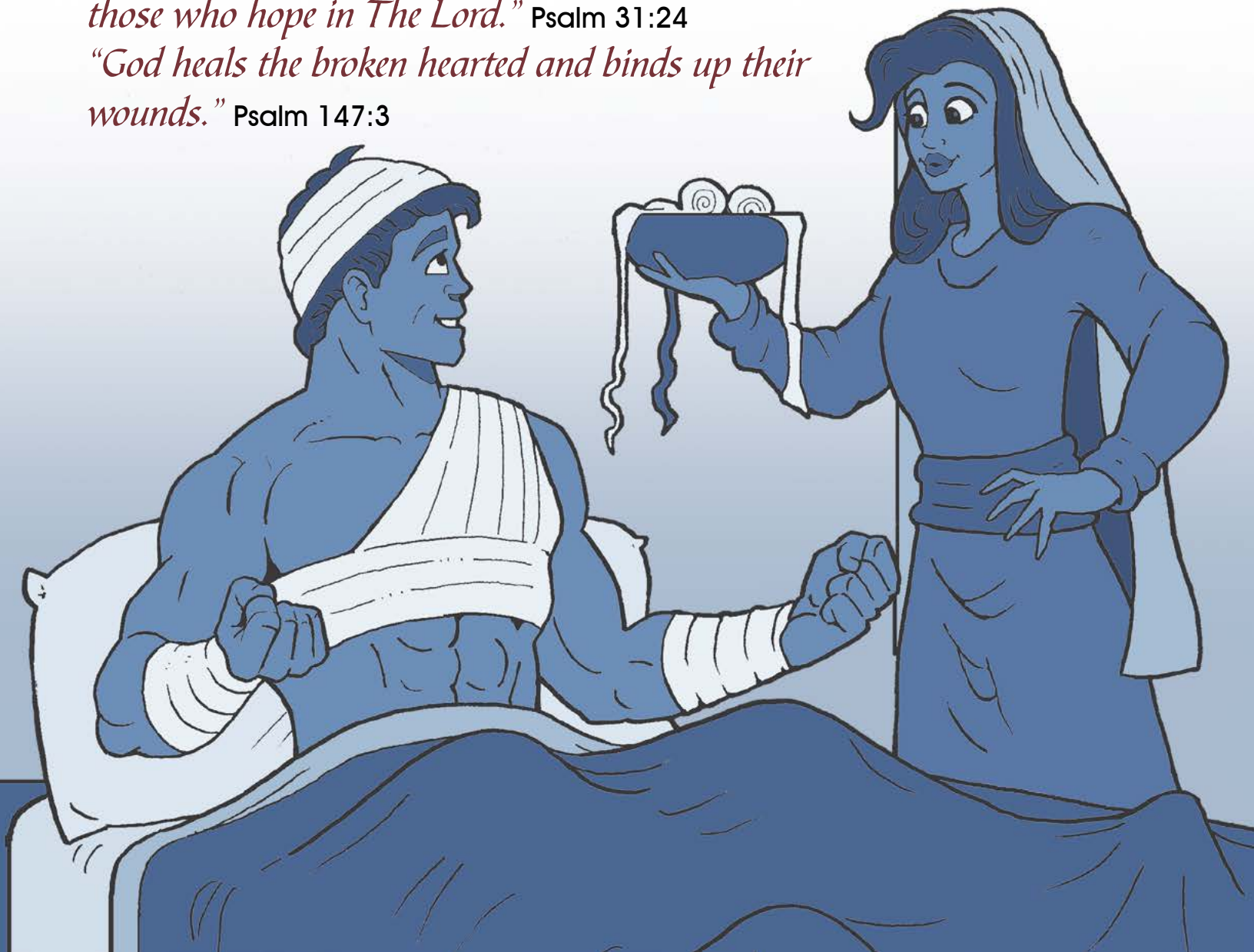
Just like medicine and bandages can heal a bloody wound, God's Word can heal a wounded soul. Yaqal faith is like applying medicine and bandages to your soul to bring healing and restore joy. Yaqal means to hope in the Lord in the middle of extreme pain.

Even when Chris Soldier is wearing the armor of God his soul can feel hurt and wounded. Friends have deserted him, teachers have accused him of wrong things that he didn't do. Even his parents sometimes say things that hurt him. And he has a brother that always calls him names!

When Chris Soldier learned about Yaqal faith he decided to let God heal the hurts and wounds of his soul. He decided to forgive others just as Jesus Christ has forgiven him. Chris Soldier is living with Yaqal faith.

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all those who hope in The Lord." Psalm 31:24

"God heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3



The fifth Hebrew word for faith is “QAWAH.”

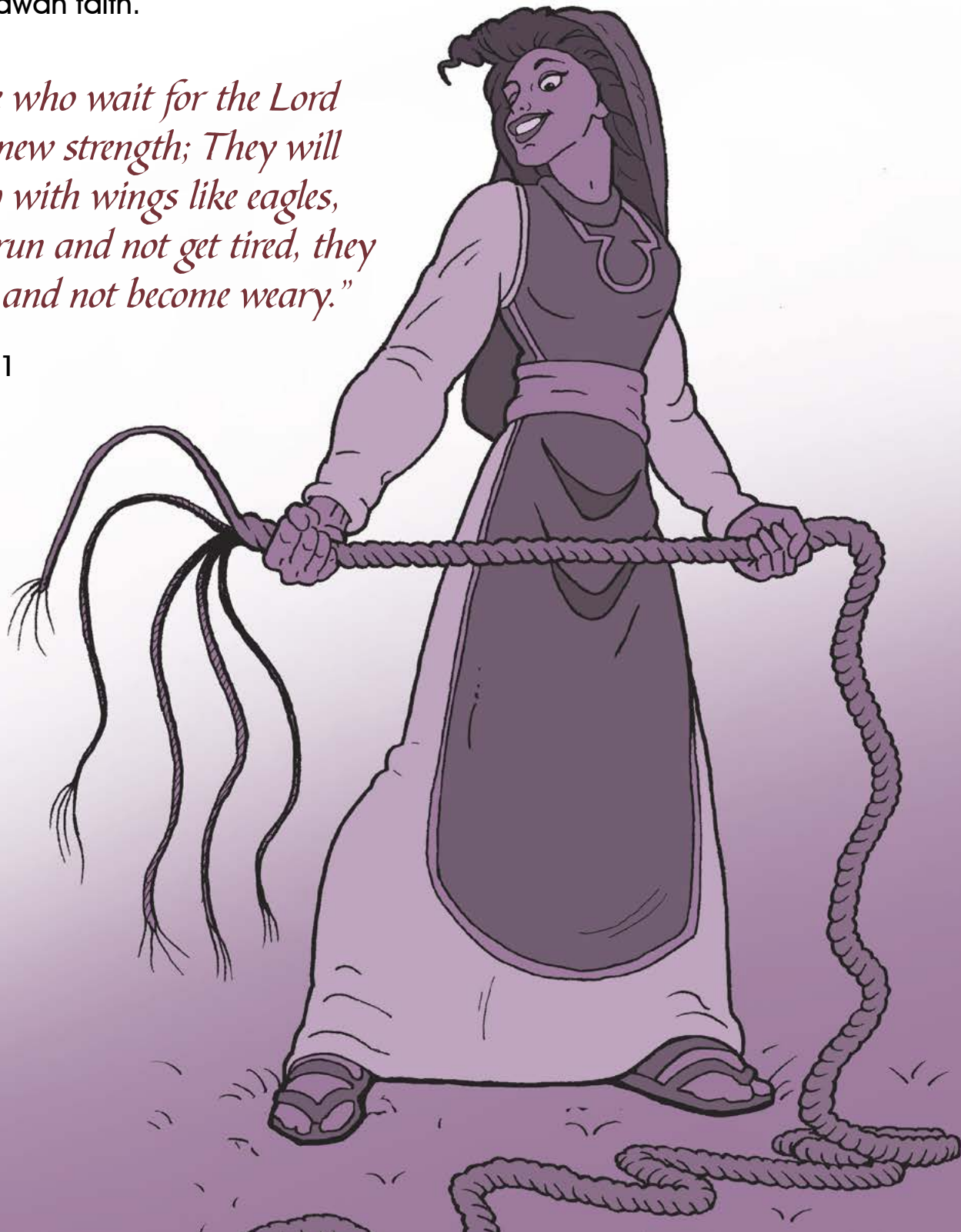
This is usually translated as “WAIT”.

Qawah faith pictures someone taking small threads and weaving them into a strong rope. One little thread is not very strong but when lots of threads are woven together they become very strong.

Every time Chris Soldier learns God’s Word it is like a thread of truth. He takes one thread after another of truth from God’s Word and he weaves them together into a strong rope of faith. As Chris learns God’s Word, believes it, and uses it in his life his faith is getting stronger and stronger. Chris is a good soldier living with Qawah faith.

*“Yet those who wait for the Lord
will gain new strength; They will
mount up with wings like eagles,
they will run and not get tired, they
will walk and not become weary.”*

Isaiah 40:31

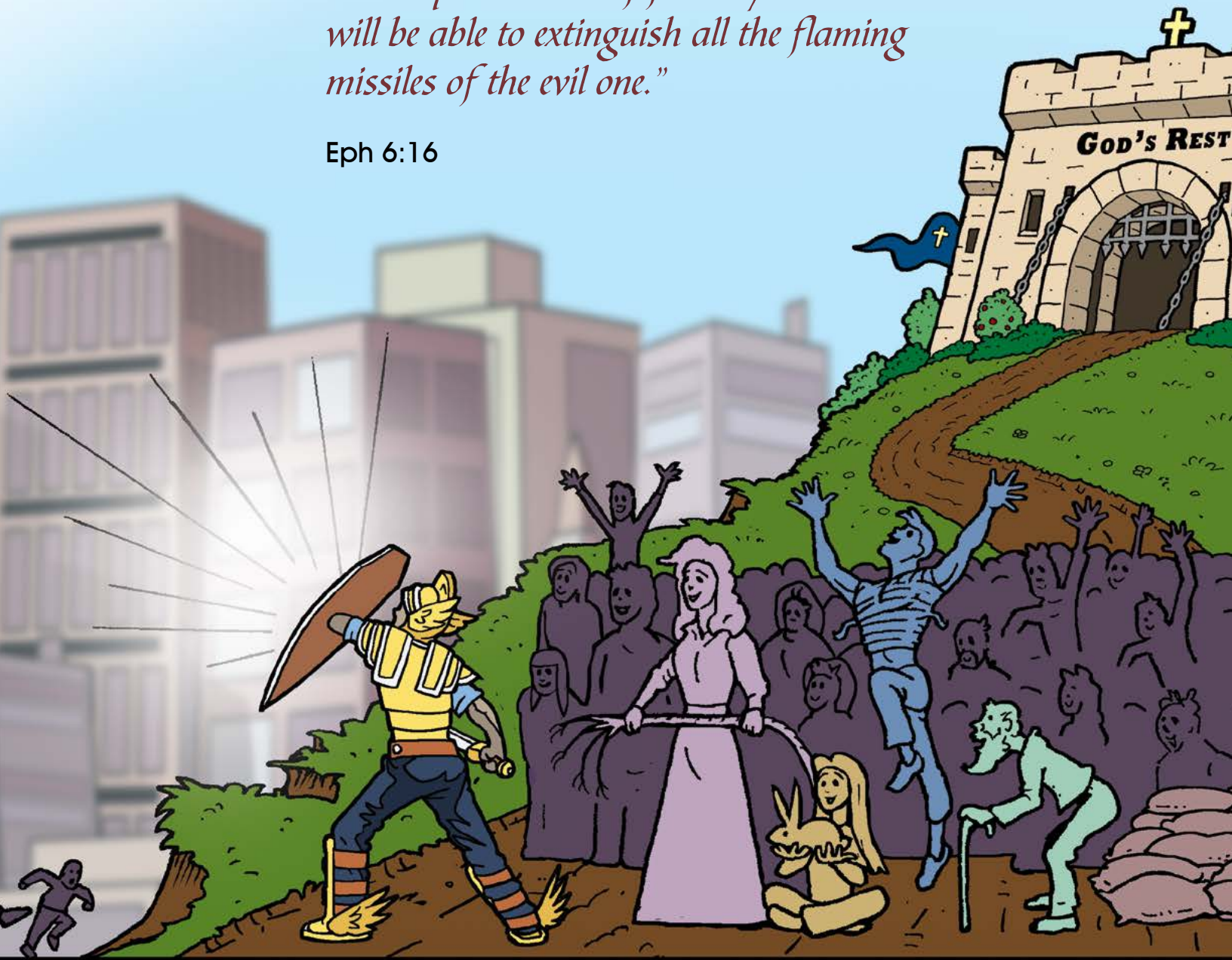




Hurray for Chris Soldier! Satan's flaming missiles can't reach him. He has taken up his SHIELD OF FAITH and is standing firm in The Lord!

"Take up the shield of faith by which YOU will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one."

Eph 6:16





Where will you live forever?
Heaven or Hell?



God loves you very much and He
wants you to live in Heaven with Him.
(1 John 4:8)

But the Bible says you and I are sinners and the result
of sin is eternal death. That means because you are
a sinner you deserve to live in the punishment of hell
forever. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)

But God loves you so much that He made a way for
your sins to be forgiven. The way God made is Jesus
Christ. (John 3:16 Romans 5:8)

Jesus Christ is God's very own perfect Son. He came
to this world and died on a cross. His death paid the
penalty for your sin. After Jesus died, He was buried
and rose again into Heaven. Jesus conquered
death! (1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

When you believe in The Lord Jesus Christ your sins
are forgiven and Heaven will be your home forever.
(John 3:16)

Do you want to believe? Then pray to God right now
and tell Him that you believe in The Lord Jesus Christ
as your God and Savior.

Now you know where you
will live forever... *Heaven.*
(1 John 5:13)



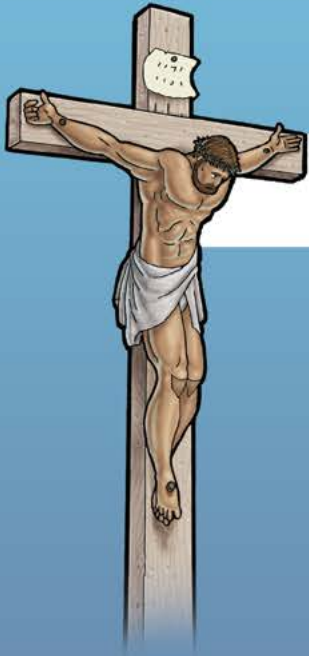
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved. Acts 16:31



He was born for us



He lived for us



He died for us



... so we may
have everlasting
life with Him.



Have you accepted the
free gift of salvation?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16